

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DOUG WAGNER**, on February 11, 1999 at 3:10 P.M., in Room 312 - 1 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Doug Wagner, Chairman (R)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Shiell Anderson (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich (D)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jim Shockley (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)

Staff Present: Mikell Johnson, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s): HB 478
HB 488
HB 533
HB 534

HB 550

Executive Action: HB 379
HB 314
HB 315
HB 316
HB 488
HB 533
HB 534

HEARING ON HB 488

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Doug Wagner
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 21 - 137}

Proponents' Testimony:
Ken Hoovestol, Montana Snowmobilers Association
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 143 - 145}

Opponents' Testimony:
Bud Klinch, Director Montana Natural Resources Management
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 150 - 310}

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 318 - 481}

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Doug Wagner
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 483 - 572}
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HEARING ON HB 533

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Steven Gallus
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 578 - 618}

Proponents' Testimony:
Dustin Doane, Montana Wildlife Federation
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 622 - 644}

Jim McDermid, Big Sky Upland Bird Association
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 647 - 652}

Van Jamison, Self
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 654 - 677}

Jerry Wells, Trout Unlimited

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 679 - 684}

Ken Hoovestol, Walley's Unlimited

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 689 - 690}

Opponents' Testimony:

Arnie Olson, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 694 - 755}

EXHIBIT(fih34a01)

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 759 - 830}

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Steven Gallus

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 831 - 927}

HEARING ON HB 534

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Steven Gallus

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 931 - 943}

Proponents' Testimony: NONE

Opponents' Testimony: NONE

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: NONE

Closing Statement by Sponsor: NONE

HEARING ON HB 478

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. George Golie

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 967 - 999}

EXHIBIT(fih34a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

Jim McDermand, Big Sky Upland Bird Association

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 83}

Kevin Tucker, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 85 - 100}

Arnie Olson, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 104 - 144}

EXHIBIT(fih34a03)

Ron Litostansky, Russel Country Sportsmens Association

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 145 - 178}

Eric Grove, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 180 - 258}

Van Jamison, Montana Wildlife Federation

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 261 - 288}

Dan Whyte, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 291 - 303}

Opponents' Testimony:

John Hahn, Hahn Ranch Shooting Preserve

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 310 - 340}

Marylallen Schnen, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 342 - 401}

Todd Cazier, Montana Gamebird Association

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 405 - 456}

Floyd R. Blair, Self, Montana Gamebird Association

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 460 - 512}

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Dennis and Ruth Fladstol, Self

EXHIBIT(fih34a04)

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 516 - 767}

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep. George Golie

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 768 - 807}

HEARING ON HB 550

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bill Rehbein

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 815 - 884}

Proponents' Testimony:

Arnie Olson, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 889 - 999}

EXHIBIT(fih34a05)

Opponents' Testimony:

Jim McDermand,

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Ron Litostansky, Russel Country Sportsmens Association

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 11 - 16}

Gary Levine, Yellowstone Valley Pheasants

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 17 - 50}

Informational Testimony:

Dustin Doane, Montana Wildlife Federation

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 53 - 79}

J.C. and Eileen Jackson, Rocky Mountain Hatchery & Game Birds LLC

EXHIBIT(fih34a06)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: NONE

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bill Rehbein

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 84 - 115}

Motion: REP. WAGNER moved that HB 379 DO PASS.

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 135 - 450;}

Motion/Vote: REP. WAGNER moved that HB 379 BE AMENDED. Motion passed unanimously.

EXHIBIT(fih34a07)

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Motion/Vote: REP. WAGNER moved that HB 379 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 19-1 with Harper voting no.

Motion: REP. RANEY moved that HB 314 DO PASS.

Ed Zaidlick, Billings Gazette, Billings Outpost

EXHIBIT(fih34a08)

Stephen Ambrose, Ambrose Tubbs Inc.

EXHIBIT(fih34a09)

Paul Hickman, Montana Parks Association

EXHIBIT(fih34a10)

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 525 - 700}

Motion/Vote: REP. RANEY moved that HB 314 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 19-1 with Fuchs voting no.

EXHIBIT(fih34a11)

EXHIBIT(fih34a12)

Motion/Vote: REP. RANEY moved that HB 314 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 17-3 with Fuchs, Hanson, and Walters voting no.

Motion: REP. RANEY moved that HB 315 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: REP. RANEY moved that HB 315 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

EXHIBIT(fih34a13)

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Motion/Vote: REP. MOLNAR moved HB 315 STRIKE SECTION 4 OF AMENDMENTS. Motion failed 3-17 with Davies, Fuchs, and Molnar voting aye.

Motion/Vote: REP. RANEY moved that HB 315 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 11-9 with Anderson, Fuchs, Hanson, Hibbard, McKenney, Pavlovich, Rehbein, Somerville, and Walters voting no.

Motion: REP. RANEY moved that HB 316 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: REP. RANEY moved that HB 316 BE AMENDED. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

EXHIBIT(fih34a14)

Motion/Vote: REP. RANEY moved that HB 316 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 11-9 with Anderson, Hanson, Hibbard, McKenney, Rehbein, Shockley, Somerville, Wagner, and Walters voting no.

Motion: REP. RANEY moved that HB 317 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Motion/Vote: REP. RANEY moved that HB 317 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 13-7 with Anderson, Hanson, Hibbard, McKenney, Rehbein, Shockley and Somerville voting no.

EXHIBIT (fih34a15)

Motion/Vote: REP. RANEY moved that HB 317 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. HANSON moved that HB 224 BE TABLED. Motion carried 19-1 with Harper voting no.

Motion/Vote: REP. WAGNER moved that HB 488 DO PASS. Motion carried 14-3 with Anderson, Hibbard, and Rehbein voting no.

Motion/Vote: REP. FACEY moved that HB 533 DO PASS. Motion carried 18-2 with Rehbein and Walters voting no.

Motion/Vote: REP. FUCHS moved that HB 534 DO PASS. Motion carried 18-2 with Rehbein and Walters voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:50 P.M.

REP. DOUG WAGNER, Chairman

MIKELL JOHNSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (fih34aad)